



Where Does Waste Go? Free Field Trip FAQ



Who Can Apply?

Any school, public or private, within Charleston County can apply for field trip assistance to the County Recycling Center or Landfill.

How does the Free Field Trip work?

Schools are responsible for setting up a date for their trip with Charleston County Environmental Management and establishing transportation availability with Durham School Services. Keep Charleston Beautiful will pay the transportation invoice for the school after the trip. The grant funds will only be used to cover transportation costs. Keep Charleston Beautiful will need a formal invoice to process trip payment.

How payment works:

- 1) Your Bus Services will bill either Keep Charleston Beautiful or the school shortly after the trip.
- 2) Email the invoice to Keep Charleston Beautiful (Scalesj@Charleston-sc.gov) as soon as you receive it so we can process the payment and avoid late fees.
- 3) KCB will pay the company directly for your trip.
- 4) Alternatively, if your school would like to pay the invoice and be reimbursed we can do that as well.

Once an application is received and approved Keep Charleston Beautiful will reserve the funding for that trip. Meaning, if your application is approved in November but your trip is not until April your requested funding assistance is reserved and will be available for your trip. We strongly encourage teachers to apply early. Once all funds are reserved no additional applications will be approved.

How many students can go from each school?

To provide as many schools as possible with the field trip opportunity Keep Charleston Beautiful may limit the number of trips funded for each school. We thank you for your understanding. At present we have not set a limit, however, once we understand the volume of interest we will update accordingly.

Are school requests prioritized?

Yes. To provide as many schools as possible with the field trip opportunity Keep Charleston Beautiful will prioritize requests on the following information.

- 1) Title 1 Schools with City of Charleston students
- 2) Schools with City of Charleston students- based on work with KCB and fit with class curriculum
- 3) Title 1 Schools with no City of Charleston students, but within Charleston County
- 4) Other- Based on funding available- So far we have not turned down any applications!

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Are there any school/class/teacher requirements?

Yes. A school/class must work with KCB in some capacity during the 2014-2015 school year and must be within Charleston County. Teachers must answer 3 follow up questions providing feedback on the trip and its value to the students within 30 days of the field trip.

How long do tours last?

The Charleston County Recycling Center Tour is 45 minutes and can accommodate a maximum of 30 people, including chaperones.

The Charleston County Landfill tour is an hour long and available only for grades 2-12th. This facility can accommodate larger tour groups, up to one full bus load.

When do we need to apply?

School applications are accepted and reviewed as they come in; keep in mind trips can be scheduled any time based on Charleston County staff availability. Applicants will be reviewed based on need, KCB involvement, and fit with class curriculum. You will be notified shortly after your application is accepted.

Applications will be approved as long as funding remains. We encourage teachers to apply at least a few weeks in advance of their planned trip.

When can we set up a field trip?

Field trips can be scheduled any time during the school year. We strongly suggest getting your application in early, even if your trip is not scheduled until later in the school year. **To set up a tour contact Bronwyn Santos, Charleston County Environmental Management- bsantos@charlestoncounty.org; 843-720-7112**

How do we work with Keep Charleston Beautiful?

KCB offers year-round free school programs in the form of Clean City Clara, Talking Trash, Clean Cities Sweep, and school cleanups. Visit WWW.KEEPCHARLESTONBEAUTIFUL.ORG for more information.

Please direct and questions to Keep Charleston Beautiful's Education Intern at CleanCityIntern@Charletson-sc.gov or call 843-579-7501.

We look forward to working with your school!

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Free Field Trip Application

School: _____

Address: _____

Teacher: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grade Level: _____

of Students: _____

County Facility Requested:

☐ **Recycling Center-** 13 Romney St

* Suitable for K-12th Grade, Maximum of 30 people/tour

☐ **Landfill/Compost Facility-** 1344 Bees Ferry Rd

* Suitable for 2nd -12th Grade

Proposed Date for Field Trip: _____

* Verify date with Bronwyn Santos, Charleston County, bsantos@charlestoncounty.org; 843-720-7112.

Total Estimated Cost of Transportation: _____

* How to estimate trip cost: \$27/hour starting from when the bus leaves Durham's Facility and ending when it returns + \$1.80 per mile for round trip. KCB will set aside the noted total for your school's trip so please double check your estimate for accuracy.

How is your class involved with Keep Charleston Beautiful?

Provide a brief statement of need:

How does the requested trip fit into your class curriculum?

Funding is for transportation fees only. Keep Charleston Beautiful will fund as many transportation opportunities as possible for the 2014-2015 school year. Return application to [Keep Charleston Beautiful](#) - 823 Meeting St Charleston, SC 29403; CleanCityIntern@Charletson-sc.gov; Fax- 843.724.7300.

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